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COMMUNIST FORCES IN VIETNAM

North Vietnam

ARMY

5 Infantry Divisions	-	12,500 each	-	62,500	
7 Infantry Brigades	-	5,000 each	-	35,000	
AAA Division	-	10,000	-	10,000	
Artillery Division	-	14,000	-	14,500	
Independent AAA Reg.	-	1,800	-	1,800	
Independent Infantry	-	3,000 (9)	-	27,000	
Regiments		5,000 (1)	-	5,000	
Independent Engineer	-	1,750 (4)	-	7,000	
Regiments					
Armored Regiment	-	1,000	-	1,000	
Other Units (Support)	-	62,800	-	62,800	(includes High Command)

REGULAR ARMY TOTAL 226,600
(does not include 25,600 security forces)

NAVY

The Navy is primarily a coastal defense force with no deep-water capability. The limited strength of the Navy has been further depleted by US strikes since last August. Present order of battle as confirmed by photography is as follows:

- 9 P-4 motor torpedo boats
- 22 "SWATOW" class motor gunboats
- 4 S.O.1 class submarine chasers
- 8 YP small coastal patrol craft

(some vessels of the junk fleet have been armed with light weapons but they are not carried in OB estimates)

AIR FORCE

- 41 MIG 15/17 jet fighters (based at Phuc Yen Airfield near Hanoi)
- 14 IL-14/CRATE, twin engine transport (equivalent to US T-29)
- 26 LI-2/CAB, twin engine transport (equivalent to US C-47)
- 12 AN-2/COLT, single engine biplane transport
- 21 YAK-18/MAX, single engine monoplane trainer
- 6-7 MI-4/HOUND, helicopter

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VIET CONG MAIN FORCE

Total strength - 39,000 (confirmed)
8,500 - 9,500 (probable strength
not yet carried in
OB estimates)
47,500 - 48,500

Confirmed strength is broken down as follows:

5 Regiments
54 Battalions
142 Separate Companies
35 Separate Platoons
1 Hospital

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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1 AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

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